FBI to Begin Rosenberg File Search

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U.S. District Court Judge June L. Green ordered the FBI yesterday to search the files of its 59 field offices for any information on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and report back to her within 21 days.

The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953 after being convicted of transmitting atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. Their sons, Robert and Michael Meeropol, who use the names of the couple who adopted them, have been seeking to reopen the case in hopes of clearing their parents' names.

Judge Green also ordered a number of FBI officials to submit to questioning by lawyers for the two Rosenberg sons. She named specifically Thomas H. Bresson, Thomas Lenehan, John E. Howard, Fred Griffith, Cornelius G. Sullivan and John Powers of the FBI, as well as Leon Ulman, not identified in the order.